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3 EASTERN DIVISION
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1 SPECIAL MASTER COHEN: That is
2 correct.

3 MR. BOONE: Thank you.

4 SPECIAL MASTER COHEN: I'm not
5 going to make any rulings on any of this
6 stuff unless it's clear; but, no,
7 generally my practice, Brian, is that
8 I'm not going to rule on anything
9 without receiving some kind of written
10 position -- it might be an email, it
11 might be a formal letter, it might be a
12 formal motion -- so that I can have time
13 to digest it and think about it.

14 MR. BOONE: Understood. Thank
15 you.

16 And I know you had just talked,
17 started talking about the process, and I
18 wanted to talk about the process because
19 the PEC invited you to this meeting
20 before the parties had even spoken about
21 the PBMs' objections. We had a call
22 with Paul and the PEC yesterday. That
23 was the first time that we had talked
24 since serving our objections, and it
25 lasted about an hour.

1 And by the way, Paul made it a
2 point on that call to explain that he's
3 not accustomed to losing in this
4 litigation, so they were essentially
5 saying we don't need to meet and confer
6 because we're going to win. That is
7 improper. If they think there's --

8 SPECIAL MASTER COHEN: He may
9 not be accustomed to it, but it's
10 certainly happened and nobody should
11 feel like they win everything or can
12 expect to win anything; so you don't
13 need to worry about that.

14 If there's one thing that I hope
15 you will eventually conclude is that I
16 give everybody a chance to say what they
17 need to say and that I'm fair in the
18 end.

19 MR. MOUGEY: Yeah. This is Peter
20 Mougey. I was going to sit and not say
21 anything. That was, that comment was
22 totally inappropriate. That was a
23 comment made in jest during -- there
24 were a lot of jokes made during that
25 meet and confer and that was a comment

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Pamela S. Greenfield, a Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that I attended the foregoing proceedings in their entirety, that I wrote the same in stenotypy, and that this is a true and correct transcript of my stenotype notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at Cleveland, Ohio, this 15th day of February, 2024.

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